

# THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC

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## MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING Wednesday, August 12, 2015

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, Supervisor Charlie Hall, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Chairman Peetz called the **TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. The board considered approval of minutes of the town board meeting of July 1, 2015. Motion by Gaedke to approve the minutes, second by Hall. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz, to approve, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, no one appeared. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the board received a letter from Tom Pisapia requesting that Grace Court be renamed. Order sign. McCumber noted the expense and complications of changing road names and recommended a sign directing traffic toward Grace Street. McCumber reported that Village Administrator Ron Senger helped put together an agreement with the village to host two days for town residents to remove brush. Those dollars are available through our cleanup day budget and he will work with Senger to establish those days in April and October of 2016. The town will need to staff the events. McCumber informed the board the Wisconsin Towns' Association meeting is in the Wisconsin Dells in October and they should let him know if they want to attend. The WI Dept. of Natural Resources delivered a copy of the final draft for the Sauk Prairie Recreational Area. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, Richard Grant reported the work is done at Walleye Lane and he'll seal the wood in the fall. Under **OLD BUSINESS**, the board considered the naming of the town park located at the end of Walleye Lane. Grant suggested Walleye Park. After some additional discussion, Peetz moved to name the park Walleye Park. Motion by Peetz, second by Hall. Motion passed. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered a presentation by the Sauk Prairie Room Tax Commission in response to changes in Wisconsin's Room Tax law. McCumber reported that under the new law as adopted in the budget, the town must eventually forfeit 100% of any room tax revenue over the amount of tax raised in 2010 starting in 2017 to either a tourism entity or form a tourism board. McCumber serves on this committee as an operator through World Wide Vacations at Summer Oaks and doesn't feel there would be enough revenue to justify our own efforts. Tywana German and Tom Murphy appeared. German spoke about the Sauk Prairie Riverway tourism promotion program that the Sauk Prairie Room Tax Commission operates through the Sauk Prairie Chamber of Commerce. The commission is currently represented by the Villages of Sauk City and Prairie du Sac, and the Town of Prairie du Sac. Peetz appointed Hall to work with McCumber and the Room Tax Commission to develop an MOU prior to 2017. The board then considered a 5-year proposal from Peterson Sanitation to provide trash/recycling services at a cost of \$132 annually in 2016 increasing annually to a rate of \$144 annually in by 2020. Most of the discussion concerned issues about the recycling problems. McCumber noted that in addition to issues residents have been reporting, the total collection of recycling is down proportional to the garbage collection. Peetz moved to recommend approval for the first year and review the program for improvements to the recycling program next year for an extension. Seconded by Hall. Motion passed. The board next considered a pre-pay contract with Hohl's Propane to purchase up to 610 gallons at \$1.199 per gallon. McCumber thinks we should be at least 800, but because of the cap limit. Motion by Peetz to contract 850 gallons with the authority to negotiate to no less than 800 gallons at \$1.119 unless McCumber can find someone else who will match the price, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board also discussed the need to replace our current election equipment per federal requirements. Sauk County is purchasing one optical

scanner and 1 touch screen at their expense (\$9,760). McCumber is recommending that the town acquires an additional touch screen at a cost to the town of \$3,605 (ES&S DS200 & Express Vote systems). Town poll workers attended presentations for the two vendors that have new equipment that meets the standard and the county is acquiring the system all of them agreed was the best option. McCumber reported that room tax is over the proposed budget and the additional amount can be added to this year's election budget to cover any amount over the balance of the current budget. Motion to purchase the equipment by Gaedke, second by Hall. Motion passed. The board finally considered the final 2014 audit as conducted by Miller, Brussel, Ebben & Glaeske, LLC. Motion to accept the audit by Gaedke, second by Hall. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Gaedke, second by Hall. Motion approved.